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SUBJECT: NORWEGIAN LICENSING CONTROLS OF FLATBED PLOTTERS

1. NORWEGIAN FIRM, A.S. KONGSBERG HAS BEEN EXPORTING TO EAST EUROPEAN DESTINATIONS ITS ESSI KONGSBERG MODEL 1215 FLATBED PLOTTERS. IN VIEW OF USG EXPERTS, THIS MODEL HAS PARAMETERS THAT WARRANT COCOM IL-1 LIST COVERAGE, AND IS COMPARABLE TO U.S. MACHINERY SO COVERED. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THERE HAVE BEEN NO PRIOR COCOM EXCEPTIONS SUBMISSIONS TO COCOM BY NORWAY. EQUIVALENT US MACHINERY IS COVERED UNDER IL-1355(B)(5)"EQUIPMENT FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF MASKS OR THE CREATION OF A PHOTSENSITIVE PATTERN ON THE SURFACE OF A SEMI-CONDUCTOR OR INSULATING SUBSTRATE."

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONTACTING THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT TO ASCERTAIN:

(A) IF LICENSING OFFICIALS CONSIDER PHOTOPLOTTER COVERED BY IL-1355

(B) DO THEY CONSIDER THE KONGSBERG MODEL 1215 SO COVERED?

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(C) IF DEEMED NOT COVERED, WHAT IS THEIR RATIONALE.

3. INFORMATION FURNISHED US BY A U.S. EXPORTER LISTS A
TOTAL KONGSBERG 10 PLOTTERS IN EAST GERMANY, POLAND AND
CZECHOSLOVAKIA. ADDITIONALLY, U.S. VISITORS TO POLAND HAVE SEEN
A KONGSBERG PLOTTER AT UNITRA, IN WARSAW. THE LATTER IS A
MANUFACTURER OF SEMI-CONDUCTOR DEVICES, AND WOULD
THEREFORE UTILIZE THIS MACHINERY FOR THE KINDS OF PRODUCTION
THAT CAUSE THE MACHINERY TO BE UNDER COCOM CONTROL.
COULD YOU DETERMINE IF NORWEGIAN AUTHORITIES ARE AWARE OF
SHIPMENT OF THE PLOTTER TO POLAND, AND F THEY ARE WILLING
TO PROVIDE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE TRANSACTION.
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